



Manager's Minute

In the Spotlight Once Again

Of late, Williamsburg finds itself again in the spotlight. Within a little more than a month, we have hosted or will host four major events:

- December 21—East Coast premier of “The New World,” Terrance Malick’s movie about Jamestown 1607.
- December 31— “First Night Williamsburg” brought thousands downtown for New Years Eve.
- January 14—Governor Tim Kaine’s inauguration complete with inaugural trappings: concert, parade, ball, and service projects.
- January 27—U.S. Senate Republican’s retreat at the Williamsburg Inn.

For all of these events, city employees are on the job – protecting, directing, and serving. These types of activities call for close coordination with dozens of high profile players – public, non-profit and private. They require expertise, creativity, flexibility and just plain hard work.

In 2006, we will see the filming of ten or more episodes of the HBO mini-series “John Adams” based on David McCullough’s book. And, of course, we will host the usual big annual events such as Festival Williamsburg, 4th of July, Occasion for the Arts, and Grand Illumination – all ramping up to the Jamestown 2007 Commemoration.

I am very proud that Williamsburg is able to do all this – plus all routine city operations – with a small cadre of employees. It takes constant energy and commitment from every one of us, but when the spotlight shines, I know you will be ready.

Jack Frittle
City Manager

Excellence in Service to Williamsburg Award



Police Major Jay Sexton was awarded the Excellence in Service to Williamsburg Award for fourth quarter 2005. Jay has provided 23 years of dedicated service to the Williamsburg Police Department and to the City of Williamsburg. He gives abundantly of his time, working many extra hours, always aspiring to provide the best police service possible for our citizens and visitors. Major Sexton has served in every capacity within the department, excelling at all levels until reaching his current rank of Major, supervising the department’s Uniform Patrol Operations.

As Major of Uniform Patrol, Jay directs the work of all patrol officers, including scheduling, court liaison, special event planning, fleet management, career development, and training. He applies his professional knowledge and collaborative skills to the unique challenges of policing in Williamsburg with superb results. Jay is a true leader, never requiring more of others than he gives of himself.

Jay Sexton is an effective and loyal public servant who is key to the success enjoyed by the Williamsburg Police Department.

Congratulations Jay on receiving this prestigious award and thank you for your hard work and dedication to the City of Williamsburg.

**City offices will be closed on
Monday, February 20 in
observance of President’s Day.**



Fond Farewells

February 1, 2006 will mark the retirement of a long time City employee, Jon Roma. Jon has decided to retire as Superintendent of the Streets Division after 24 years.

Jon began employment with the City on August 24, 1981 as the Superintendent of the Streets Division. In his many years of service, Jon has seen many changes to the community and in the Public Works Department. He was instrumental in replacing all the street name signage and reconfiguring the State route signage. He represented the Department in developing and maintaining the Quest program. Jon put many after-hours in on trouble shooting the operation of the traffic signals, the number of which has doubled since he came on the scene. Jon was a true believer in attending to the paperwork part of his job. Jon managed an efficient and much loved leaf collection program. While he won't miss leaf collection season and those challenges, there is one thing that he is excited about not having to do. Jon will be able to enjoy the snow from his warm, cozy, front room window instead of from a plow or the City Shop complex. If you listen intently, you may hear a little "let it snow, let it snow, let it snow" coming from the Roma household the next time it snows in Williamsburg!

Jon and his wife Meryle are looking forward to retirement and enjoying this next stage of their lives as grandparents. They have predicted a move closer to the grandkids in North Carolina in the near future. Enjoy your new life of retirement! We're all going to miss you Jon!



City of Williamsburg's EMS Bike Team



After recently undergoing three, 8+ hour days of training, five City of Williamsburg firefighters (**Chris Balassone, Ed Kaczowsky, Mike Tate, Donna Douglas, and Lee Ward**) were recruited as the newest members of the City of Williamsburg's Emergency Medical Services Bike Team. Veteran bike team members are **Burke Humphrey, Mike Trombley, and Volunteer Paul Reier**.

The purpose of the bike team is to be able to respond quickly to ill or injured persons in a crowd or other areas where vehicle access is difficult or delayed. An EMS bike team consists of a pair of bikes equipped with much of the equipment used on an ambulance such as oxygen, airway equipment, defibrillator, and basic cardiac drugs. It actually takes two bikes to carry all this equipment, so the team always work in pairs with at least one rider being a medic and the other being a medic or EMT Basic.

Training is a lot more involved than most of us remember from childhood! It includes proper adjustment and sizing of the bike, basic maintenance, safety, close quarters maneuvering, ascending and descending stairs, and emergency maneuvers. The training was conducted by Police Sgt. Tim Davis. The curriculum is based on that used to train Bike Police officers but leaves out techniques related only to law enforcement such as pursuit and weapons handling.

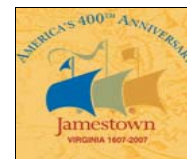


EMS Team Receives E3 Certificate

On September 8, 2005, the Public Works & Utilities Environmental Management Team was presented with the E3 certificate from the VA Department of Environmental Quality. The Public Works compound is now an E3 facility which stands for Exemplary Environmental Enterprise. This award is given to facilities that have a fully implemented Environmental Management System (EMS), a system used to evaluate and reduce impacts on the environment. An onsite inspection by DEQ completed the requirements to quality the team for E3 status. The team has already made significant changes such as, recycling containers placed at the City shop for cardboard, aluminum, plastics, and paper products and the purchase of a 40 yard roll off dumpster for scrap metal recycling.



The Environmental Management Team, pictured above with Public Works Director, **Dan Clayton**, DEQ Rep. Frank Daniel, and **Mayor Zeidler**, (left to right), **Mike Lesniak**, **Paul Reeser** and **Al Brenick**, receiving the distinguished certification.



Jamestown 2007 Trivia

Below are 4 trivia questions to test your knowledge of the history of the Historic Triangle.

1. Who sent the first permanent English settlers to Jamestown?
2. What is the journey that changed the world?
3. What made Williamsburg famous?
4. Where did representative government start in English America?



Edward Kaczowski

Department -By- Department Fire Department



Michael J. Tate

Job Title: Firefighter/Medic
How Long on the Job: 8 months
What Did You Do Before the City: Firefighter/Medic
Family Ties: Married
Hometown: Va. Beach, VA
Hobbies/Pastimes: Ice hockey and baseball
Greatest Influence/Role Model: My parents
Travel Wish List: Go on lots of cruises
Favorite Part of Job: Helping those in need of help
I Like Working Here Because: I am on a great shift with great supervisors. Overall it is a great organization to work for
How Would You Describe Yourself: Outgoing, funny, down to earth
Favorite Book/Author: *30 Years on the Line*, Leo D. Stapleton
Favorite Food/Dessert: Mexican
Favorite Place to Eat: Outback
If I Won the Lottery I Would..... I would pay bills and still work for the Williamsburg Fire Dept.
Main Goals/Goals for the Future: To one day become a fire chief

Job Title: Firefighter/Medic
How Long on the Job: 7 months
What Did You Do Before the City: Critical Care Transport Medic
Family Ties: Single
Hometown: Military brat, but if I had to choose, I would say Boston
Hobbies/Pastimes: Baseball/softball, fishing, scuba diving
Greatest Influence/Role Model: My grandparents
Travel Wish List: Hawaii
Favorite Part of Job: Meeting new and interesting people
I Like Working Here Because: The people I work with are interesting and make the job fun
Hardest Part of Job: Watching family members cope with the loss of a loved one
How Would You Describe Yourself: Outspoken, always willing to help
Favorite Food/Dessert: Corned beef with cabbage
Favorite Place to Eat: Texas Roadhouse
If I Won the Lottery I Would..... Buy a house and invest the rest
Main Goals/Goal For the Future: To help the citizens and visitors of the City of Williamsburg and eventually get married and have children.

**Happy Birthday
To You!!!!**



FEBRUARY

BOB HALE	2-04	BUILDING INSP
BILL BROWN	2-06	LANDSCAPE
MARK BARHAM	2-07	FINANCE
IRENE KULIG	2-09	POLICE
CARL HOSEY	2-11	POLICE
GERRY WALTON	2-13	CITY MGR
DAVID KINCAID	2-13	POLICE
PERCY SMITH	2-13	RECREATION
ED KACZKOWSKY	2-18	FIRE
MICHELLE WOOLSON	2-22	FINANCE
AMY HOLMAN	2-22	RECREATION
TRACY MILLIGAN	2-22	HUMAN SERVICES
PAUL HUDSON	2-23	RECREATION
CHRIS BALASSONE	2-25	FIRE
RON ROOB	2-25	POLICE
JONATHAN WAGNER	2-26	POLICE



In The Spotlight



Captured are 911 Communications Dispatchers **Andrea Forrest** (front) and **Katrina Roder** (back) working in the new 911 Dispatch Center located in the Police Station.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Congratulations to **Emanuel Watkins** (Parking Garage) who accepted the position of Information Technology Technician with the IT Department.

Condolences to **Amy Holman** (Recreation) on the recent death of her grandmother, Adra Thomas.

Congratulations to Officer **Chris Geary** (Police Dept.) who has been reassigned to the Colonial Narcotics Task Force.

Farewell to **Nathan Carroll** (Recreation) who left the City of Williamsburg to take a position with Camp Peary. Best wishes on your new job.

Congratulations to Firefighters **Tim Furey** and **Andy Sikes** who were recently recognized as Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians/Paramedics.

Don't forget!

Tuesday, February 14 is Valentine's Day.



Municipal Building Parking For Snow Removal

It is that time of year when snow can be predicted at any time. The Public Works Department requests that all City vehicles parked overnight be parked in the spots behind the shop shed, in front of the hedge row. This will greatly help in the snow removal process to allow a cleaner parking area when employees return to work. If you have any questions concerning the snow removal process, please contact **Al Brenick** at ext. 234.

Answers to December's Jamestown 2007 trivia questions:

1. The Yorktown Snow Flower
2. 13 Years
3. It was the location of the first permanent English Colony in America

Hats Off!



In a letter to Fire Chief Buz Weiler, City resident David Pistorese wrote, "On Sunday, December 11, we had a water line break right in front of our residence with water rushing past our front steps. At first, we thought it was coming from the fire hydrant that is in our yard.

Lt. Barry Kopczynski of your department came right out after we called and assessed the situation. He figured that it was from a water line and he promptly called **Moe Pruneau**, Supervisor of Pump Station Maintenance.

My wife and I wanted you to know how much we appreciated Lt. Kopczynski's efficient handling of our problem. We were also impressed when he called back in the evening to make sure that everything had been taken care of.

Marion Ashby of Highland Park called City Manager Jack Tuttle to thank the **Landscape Department** for the beautiful job they did cleaning up the undergrowth and deadfall adjacent to Highland Park's neighborhood park.

Frederick Eley of Mill Neck Road complimented Officers **Scott Rose** and **Aundrea Holiday** for a job well done in assisting his family with a difficult situation. "Both officers are a great credit to the City of Williamsburg."

J. R. Zepkin wrote in a letter to City Manager Jack Tuttle, "I just wanted to let you know how helpful **Tammy Rojek** has been over the years. Whether it's a lawn debris pickup, street lights being out or a problem with the trash pick up, she's right on top of it with good follow up. She's been adamant that the City's residents get the very best service. She's even insisted that I let her know if a problem with the trash pick up re-occurs or something she's said will get done is not done.

The City's residents are quite fortunate to have such a cadre of hardworking employees but Ms. Rojek stands out in making that extra special effort. As you know, the residents' view of how well the City's being run is to a large extent shaped by how minor calls for service are handled and Tammy Rojek is a great ambassador for the City. She's got the special talent for making a caller feel that any concern or complaint is very important to her and the City and she's going to handle it... and does."

Free Tax Preparation

Colonial Williamsburg in association with the Internal Revenue Service for the 25th consecutive year is sponsoring **Free Tax Help** through the IRS's *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program*. This year they will be operating on the schedule listed below:

February 1 - April 17, 2006

Monday-2-6 p.m. James River Community Center
Tuesdays - 2-5:30 p.m. CW's Bruton Heights Educ. Ctr.
Wednesdays - 2-6:00 p.m. JCC/Wmsbg. Comm. Ctr.
Thursdays - 2-5:30 p.m. CW's Bruton Heights Educ. Ctr.
Saturdays -9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Quarterpath Recreation Ctr.

February 7, 14, 21, and 28 ONLY

Monday - 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. JCC/Wmsbg. Comm. Ctr.

Bring: Gov't. picture ID (Driver's Lic.), Social Security Cards, Income W-2's/1099's, Receipts for deductions, Bank account info (check) and 2004 Federal & State returns.

